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SUBJECT: SEYCHELLES COUP D' ETAT: SITREP 10 (09:30, JUNE 7)

- 1. MEASURE OF NORMALCY HAS RETURNED TO SEYCHELLES WITH PARTIAL LIFTING OF CURFEW EFFECTIVE 08:00. SHOPS AND BANKS WERE REQUESTED TO OPEN AND MOST HAVE COMPLIED. VICTORIA, WHICH WAS VIRTUAL GHOST TOWN FOR 48 HOURS, ONCE AGAIN FULL OF SHOPPERS AND TOURISTS. FULL CURFEW EXPECTED TO BE REIMPOSED AT 16:00.
- 2. ACCORDING LOCAL BANKER, SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS (MOSTLY FROM ACCOUNTS OF LOCAL SHOPKEEPERS) LEFT COUNTRY IN FIRST HOUR OF BUSINESS. HE CLAIMS KNOWLEDGE OF NUMBER OF MAJOR FOREIGN INVESTMENTS WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN CANCELLED AND FEARS EXCHANGE CONTROLS MAY BE IMPOSED IF TREND CONTINUES.
- 3. CURFEW STILL IN EFFECT FOR OTHER THAN HOTEL AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES WORKERS. GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND SCHOOLS REMAIN CLOSED.

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- 4. INCREASED SECURITY EVIDENT IN AND AROUND VICTORIA LAST NIGHT AND THIS MORNINGBUT NO INCIDENTS REPORTED. REASSURING SIGN IS FACT THAT UNIFORMED (BUT UNARMED) POLICE NOW MANNING ROAD BLOCKS TOGETHER WITH ARMED CIVILIANS.
- 5. EMBASSY BEGAN FUNCTIONING NORMALLY AT 08:00 JUNE 7 BUT WITHOUT LOCAL EMPLOYEES.

6. BARRING MAJOR INCIDENT, THIS MESSAGE WILL BE FINAL SITUA	ATION
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